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SUBJECT: ARCHIPELAGO AND STRAITS NEGOTIATION WITH PHILIPPINES

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1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR INFORMS ME THAT U.K. PARLIAMENTARY UNDERSECRETARY GOROWNY-ROBERTS DISCUSSED LAW OF SEA WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO DURING HIS VISIT TO MANILA. HE REPORTEDLY MADE TWO BASIC POINTS:

A. U.K. SYMPATHETICALLY DISPOSED TOWARDS ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE PROVIDED ARCHIPELAGIC STATES TAKE INTO ACCOUNT LEGITIMATE NEEDS OF MARITIME STATES;

B. U.K. STRESSES NEED FOR CONCLUSIVE ACTION IN NEXT L.O.S. MEETING TO BE HELD IN GENEVA THIS MARCH AND FEARS CHAOS COULD SET IN IF TREATY NOT CONCLUDED.

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2. ROMULO TURNED DISCUSSION OVER TO UNDERSECRETARY INGLES, DFA SPECIALIST ON LOS MATTERS, AND LATTER MADE DETAILED PRESENTATION OF PHIL POSITION ON INNOCENT PASSAGE AS DISTINCT FROM ARCHIPELAGIC TRANSIT REGIME. BRITISH AMBASSADOR ADMITS CONFIDENTIALLY THAT GOROWNY-FROBERTS GOT A LITTLE LOST AT THIS POINT, BUT STATES THAT NOTHING WAS CONCEDED WHICH WOULD DAMAGE US-UK POSITION ON SUBJECT. HE CONCEDES, HOWEVER, THAT GOROWNY-ROBERTS WAS AN "AMATEUR" IN THE GENERAL DISCUSSIONM

3. COMMENT: IT WOULD APPEAR THAT UK INTERCESSION WAS OF LIMITED VALUE IN CRYSTALIZING ISSUES AT STAKE. HOWEVER, PRESIDENT MARCOS DID CONVOKE MEETING OF LOS ADVISERS AFTER DISCUSSION WITH UNDER SECRETARY CARL MAW AND HAS REPORTEDLY URGED PHIL DELEGATION TO SEEK DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT IN GENEVA THIS SPRING. UK ENDORSEMENT OF URGENCY THIS POINT WAS HELPFUL.
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